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**PRESS RELEASE**

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The Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Vermont announced that Rodger Kolsky, 61, of Schenectady, NY, pleaded guilty today in United States District Court in Brattleboro to a charge of money laundering. U.S. District Judge J. Garvan Murtha allowed Kolsky to remain free on conditions pending sentencing, which has tentatively been scheduled for August 25.

According to court records, Kolsky was formerly an employee of the Law Centers for Consumer Protection, a Bennington-based debt reduction company that went bankrupt in January 2003. In November 2003, a federal grand jury in Rutland returned a superseding indictment charging Kolsky and six other defendants with fraud, money laundering, interstate transmittal of stolen money and related crimes stemming from their alleged looting of millions of dollars of client money from the Law Centers. In his plea today, Kolsky admitted that in late February or early March 2002, he assisted in wire-transferring \$60,000 that he knew or should have known had been stolen from the Law Centers.

Kolsky faces up to 20 years' imprisonment and a fine of up to \$500,000. His actual sentence will be determined in accordance with federal sentencing guidelines.

This matter has been investigated by the Burlington office of the FBI and the New York State Attorney General's Office. Kolsky is represented by Kerry DeWolfe of Barre. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Gregory Waples and James Gelber.